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"For those marked with an asterisk, the original patent has been ordered.

"Unless these original patents do show something, I do not believe there is much intelligence here of a technical nature that has much significance. There are, however, some inferences of a political nature which may be of interest. Thus, for example, from DWP 1170, inasmuch as the patent is vested in the people, you can assume quite correctly that the Zeiss Company has been nationalized. You may further notice that the Zeiss Company is, however, the exclusive licensee of the patent. It is curious why they go to this trouble.

"Another interesting observation is in DAP 1173 where the patent is assigned to a firm, Hoppmann and Mulsow in Hamburg. It would be interesting to know if Hoppmann and Mulsow expect to collect royalties in the East Zone or if they expect to prevent competitors from manufacturing in the East Zone. Another rather curious thing is that while many of these patents were filed within the last two years, there are quite a bunch of them vested in the people with exclusive licenses to various nationalized industries where the filing date goes back to the early forties, and, in a few cases, to the thirties. Many of the patents in these categories are well-known devices, such as starters for fluorescent lamps, and might possibly indicate a move to strengthen nationalized industries by giving them an overpowering patent position.

"Thus we have some interesting examples of Communists using capitalist tools to good advantage."

[Available from the CIA Library are abstracts of the 94 East German patents in German]

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